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Please let me know if we need to change any of the information to the monthly report. I will approve this by Friday, 3/04/11. It will only take you a few minutes to look at this and make any changes that are needed. Thanks for you help. CAS

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Carlos -

Attached is the monthly report, for your review and approval. Please let me know if you have any concerns or modifications. I made the update to the Watershed section myself. Full report is attached.

## **STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES:**

### **I. Community Outreach**

EPA participated in the Community Awareness Committee meeting with the Harris County Attorney's Office on February 23. A number of San Jacinto site stakeholders were present. EPA also made a site technical presentation to a wider range of stakeholders at the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (HGAC) Bi-annual meeting on February 23. The site Information Repository has been successfully relocated to the Highlands Public Library and is available to the public.

### **II. Source Stabilization**

On February 17, 2011, the respondents began the waterside placement of Armor Cap D rock on top of the eastern waste pit cell. The eastern cell is under approximately 4 feet of water (depending on the seasonal tide), so placement of rock is being completed via barges stationed in the water alongside the eastern pit. Access road improvements along the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Right-of-Way (ROW) adjacent to the waste pits is

complete, preparation of office trailers for on site project management continues, and approximately 5,068 tons of Armor Cap D rock have been placed in the eastern cell. As of February 28, 2011, we estimate armor cap placement Cap D is 57 percent, and cap placement for entire waste pit is approximately 20 percent. More information about the TCRA is available at [www.epaossc.org/SanJacWPremoval](http://www.epaossc.org/SanJacWPremoval).

### III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

The EPA RI/FS website for SJRWP is online and can be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san\\_jacinto/](http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/). The website has downloadable information on the RI/FS and links to TCRA, watershed, and other interagency information on dioxin. A demonstration of the website was conducted for the public at the Houston-Galveston Area Council meeting on Feb 23, 2011. Currently, the EPA, TCEQ, and Natural Resource Trustees are reviewing the fate & transport bathymetric and bed studies plans, chemicals of potential concern tech memo, and the soil sampling plan for the southern impoundment.

### IV. Watershed Management

EPA and the Galveston Corps of Engineers are working together to coordinate dredging and permitting activities in the affected area.

### V. Enforcement

The potentially responsible party (PRP) group is conducting the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO). The PRP Group is conducting the TCRA under an Administrative Order on Consent. Currently, the PRP Group is in violation with the AOC for not performing work in accordance with the December 17, 2010, EPA approved Work Schedule. The PRP Group is in the process of coming into compliance with the AOC. While the PRP Group is in noncompliance with the Work Schedule, the PRP Group is incurring stipulated penalties until each work activity is begun and completed in accordance with the December 17, 2010, EPA approved Work Schedule. On February 16, 2011, the EPA issued a response letter to the PRP Group's Force Majeure Claim in which the EPA declined to excuse the PRP Group's nonperformance of TCRA work activities in accordance with the December 17, 2010, EPA approved Work Schedule.



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